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Dear Project Manager,

**RE: VICTORIAN RIVER HEALTH STRATEGY – DRAFT**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this document. I am making this submission on behalf of the City of Greater Shepparton, Moira Shire Council and the Campaspe Shire Council as part of my role of Municipal Catchment Coordinator.

Ecologically Healthy Rivers and water for agriculture/industry, recreation and culture are vital for the future of our municipalities. We are pleased to see that the State Government is taking up the challenge of balancing the environmental, economic and social demands placed on our Rivers and Wetlands.

We look forward to continuing to play our role in this task, and we are supportive of the directions articulated in the draft Strategy. In particular, we support the management arrangements advocated in the draft.

Obviously, our involvement in such issues is limited by the resources available to us. We believe that programs such as the Victorian Stormwater Action Program which match funding from Local Government are important in generating enthusiasm to undertake works and drive change.

Yours sincerely,

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